State		Name of the Project	Name of Distt.	Year of Sanction	Amount Sanctioned	Amount Released
11. Maharashtra	19	Sulibhanjan-Khultabad	Aurangabad	2004-05	20.00	16.00
12. Orissa	20	Raghurajpur	Puri	2004-05	20.00	17.60
	21	Pipli	Puri	2004-05	20.00	16.00
13. Punjab	22	Rajasansi	Amritsar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
14. Rajasthan	23	Neemrana	Alwar	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	24	Samode	Jaipur	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	25	Haldighati	Rajsamand	2004-05	19.32	15.45
15. Sikkim	26	Lachen	North Distt.	2004-05	20.00	16.00
16. Tamil Nadu	27	Kazhugumalai	Thoothukudi	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	28	Karaikudi	Sivaganga	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	29	Kombai (Spice Circuit)	Theni	2005-06	10.00	08.00
	30	Thadiyankudisai (Spice Circuit)	Dindigul	2005-06	10.00	08.00
17. Tripura	31	Kamlasagar	West Tripura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
18. Uttaranchal	32	Jageshwar	Almora	2005-06	20.00	16.00
	33	Mana	Chamoli	2004-05	20.00	16.00
19. Uttar Pradesh	34	Bhaguwala	Saharanpur	2004-05	19.75	15.50
20. West Bengal	35	Ballabhpur Danga	Birbhum	2004-05	20.00	16.00
	36	Mukutmonipur	Bankura	2004-05	20.00	16.00
		TOTAL :			679.02	544.51

Promotion of tourism in South

3298. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether at a recent meeting of Tourism Ministers of Southern States it was decided to undertake Joint Promotion of tourism in the South;

(b) whether suggestions have been made to Government to run a heritage train for South and to allow more foreign air-lines to land in Southern States;

(c) if so, whether the major neglected areas are the heritage and thematic museums;

(d) whether the tourism industry in the States is suffering mainly for want of adequate funds from Government; and

(e) if so, the steps taken by Government to extend the help required by the State Government's in providing better facilities for tourists and for upkeep of heritage sites?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) No, Sir.

(e) Development and promotion of torusim in the country is a continuous process. However, identification of places of tourist interest/ spots is primarily the responsibility of the State Government concerned. The Ministry of Tourism provides funds on the basis of project proposals prioritized for grant of Central financial assistance every year under the following schemes after detailed consultation with the State Governments/ UT Administrations:

(i) Tourist Circuits

(ii) Product Infrastructure & Destination Development

(iii) Large Revenue Generating projects

The funds are released on the basis of project proposals received as per guidelines and sanctioned by the Ministry of Tourism. The project proposals prioritized in consultation with the State Gvoernments are appraised on the basis of inter se priority and funds released subject to availability under the respective head during a specific year.

During the 10th Plan period, the Ministry of Tourism has provided Central financial assistance for integrated development of tourism in the States of South India:

Year	No. of projects sanctioned	Amount sanctioned (Rs. in lakh)
2002-03	26	3,364.46
2003-04	52	7,051.51
2004-05	43	8,830.20
2005-06	47	13,445.84

Maintenance and upkeep of the projects executed after receipt of financial assistance from the Ministry of Tourism, is the responsibility of the State Government concerned.

Foreign tourists visited historical monuments

3299. SHRIMATI HEMA MALINI: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be please to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that historical monuments in the country are drawing large number of foreign tourists and earning revenue;

(b) if so, what are those monuments which draw maximum tourists, State-wise;

(c) whether Government are also taking necessary steps to beautify the left over monuments;

(d) if so, what are those monuments, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRIMATI AMBIKA SONI): (a) and (b) A State-wise list of centrally protected ticketed monuments indicating tourist inflow (both domestic and foreign) pertaining to the year 2005 is placed at Statement-I. (*See* below)

The total amount of revenue earned on entrance fee during the year 2005 is Rs. 3457.78 lakh.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. The Archaeological Survey of India is taking steps on a continuous basis for structural conservation, chemical preservation, and environmental development of all the centrally protected monuments. Besides, measures are also undertaken to provide tourist-related amenities, like provision of drinking water, toilet blocks, pathways, signages, information centres, etc. A list of left over monuments State-wise is at Statement-II. (*See* below)

(e) Question does not arise.